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SUBJECT: PAYMENT BY LOCKHEED TO DIRECTOR OF CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS

1. LEAD ARTICLES IN ALL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT CAPTAIN BERNARD SMITH, DIRECTOR OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS FOR AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS HAS RESIGNED AS A RESULT OF THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL. ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT ISSUED BY CATHAY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, SMITH HAD ACCEPTED PAYMENT OF US\$80,000 FROM LOCKHEED IN NOVEMBER 1974 FOR HIS "HELP IN ASSISTING LOCKHEED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SELL LOCKHEED TRISTAR AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT THIS AREA, TO AIRLINES OTHER THAN CATHAY PACIFIC."

2. OFFICIALS OF THE HKG INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION ARE QUOTED AS HAVING SAID, "ON THE BASIS OF FACTS KNOWN AT PRESENT, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY OFFENCE ON THE PART OF CAPTAIN SMITH OR ANYONE ELSE OF CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AGAINST THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE."
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